

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

1105 W. Fern Ave., McAllen, TX 78501

Inside this Issue:

Pastor's Notes.....	1
Paths or Plans Reflection.....	2
Rummage Sale News.....	2
Worship with Us	2
Financial Summary.....	3
Scrip Info.....	3
Birthdays/Anniversaries.....	3
Stewardship.....	3

Our Savior Lutheran Staff:

Ministers	All People of OSLC
Pastor	Steve Herzberg
Office Manager	Vicki Drews
Office Admin	Vicki Drews
Music Director	Kenneth Rivens
Pianist	John McLeod
Youth Director	Dawn Everson

Council Members:

President	Paula Cheever
Vice President	Angelo Ranaudo
Treasurer	Bill Mauck
Secretary	Dawn Garcia
Fellowship	Paula Cheever
Evangelism	Alie Hiles
Learning & Youth	Van Slusser
Property	Norm Frey
Stewardship	Zane Juncker
Warship & Music	Michael Minor
Social Concerns	Norm Frey
Publicity	Angelo Ranaudo

APRIL 2021

Pastor's Notes.....

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior..... He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! So we begin the month of April with the shout from the empty tomb. Because He lives, we live – both now and forever. Thanks be to God. . . . Yes, we need resurrection news after the past year of being in the tomb as a nation and world. We celebrate this season for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd. Pentecost will be about the time that we wrap up our spring season of multiple worship services and go back to one service for the summer months. It has been good to see things opening up a little, and we pray that that will continue even as we keep up our precautions with vaccines. Thank you to the Winter Texans that were able to make it down to the Valley and participate on our congregational life. Sorry about the one cold spell we did have! It's not a good enough reason to not come back next year. May God bless your lives up North, and may you feel His resurrection power there. For all of you that are year-rounders, we continue to do ministry in this place. May God bless us as we celebrate Easter and then the coming of God's Holy Spirit. The summer is just around the corner.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2021

Income for February was \$23,892 and was more than budgeted for by \$4,913. Year to date income was \$49,163 and was less than planned by -\$2,789. Expenses for February were \$19,509 and was less than the planned expenses by \$2,176.60. YTD expenses were \$43,309 and were less than planned by \$877. February income of \$23,892 less the February expenses of \$19,509 leaves us with a positive balance of \$4,394. YTD Income less YTD Expenses also leaves us with a positive balance of \$5,854. So we are starting out the year well. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES	APRIL BIRTHDAYS
Fred & Margaret Bretzloff 4/7	Bud Klemmond 4/1
Alexander & Heather Merkau 4/20	Linda Fraser 4/3
Duane & Janis Sommer 4/24	Brandon Milligan 4/3
Michael & Alice Hiles 4/25	Justin Wendel 4/4
-----	Donna Klemmond 4/5
SCRIP INFO	Jeannette Smith 4/7
Scrip orders will be placed on 4/18/21 for delivery on 4/25/21. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions. If you plan to stop by the office, please don't forget to wear a mask.	Sylvia Groom 4/9
	Larry Keefe 4/10
	Jaret Von Rosenberg 4/12
	Lois Thompto 4/13
	Duane Theil 4/14
	Ruth Haaland 4/16
	Frank Zezulka 4/17
	William Curll 4/21
	Jamie Long 4/23
	Jayne Schnell 4/23
	Ron Cherland 4/25
	Hal Case 4/27

Earth Day – April 22

Here are some ideas to leaning about and fighting for God's creation.

Taken (copyright © 2021, Rev. Robert Blezard, reprinted by permission) from "Stewards of our natural world"

- >> Connect with nature by visiting a park or wild place near you.
- >> Pick up litter and trash from the street or public land.'
- >>Learn about the plants and animals that live in your area.
- >> Plant flowers, herbs, vegetables or trees.
- >> Advocate for public policies that will promote conservation.
- >> Find a special way to observe Earth Day in your family, congregation or community.

“Paths or Plans”



Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. RSV

Other versions have the word “I have many paths” for you, instead of plans. I always thought that God had a “PLAN” for me until I read a daily devotional some years ago, read and perhaps reread this verse. The devotional went on to say, “after the writer’s life being turned upside down, he felt that his paths numbered about nine”. At the time of reading this person’s devotional, I felt that my many paths were approaching 99 and now 199. How about you?

It is reassuring that God has plans for us and knows these plans. Something to ponder: How many paths have you taken?

After graduating from high school, I ventured from a small farm in Anaconda, Montana to Spokane, Washington to continue my education, then taking a giant step, moving to the East Coast where I began my career and family. Yes, I regret moving so far away from my family in Montana, but strongly believe this was the “path” I was supposed to take. If I had not taken these paths, I would not have met so many wonderful people in New Jersey and here in Texas including you at Our Savior. It’s wonderful that our paths have crossed.

Jeremiah writes in verse 29:12, “then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.” God is always with us. Thank you dear Lord Jesus. Amen!

Jeremiah is called the “weeping Prophet” and was one of the major prophets of the Old Testament. In addition to proclaiming many prophecies of the God of Israel, the Book of Jeremiah goes into detail regarding the prophet’s private life.

Written by, *Wanda Nebiolo*

Worship with us every Sunday.....

Worship on Sundays at 9am indoor/or outdoors. Worship at 11am in the sanctuary. If you go at 9am outdoors, please bring your lawn chair, or sit in your car. We also invite everyone to worship with us online. You can watch Sunday’s service on our Facebook page (Our Savior McAllen—ELCA), and on our YouTube page. (You can find us by searching for ‘Our Savior Lutheran Church McAllen’). Please stay tuned for further updates.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS.....

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this year’s rummage sale either by volunteering your time to help getting everything ready for the sale, or by helping run the sale, or by donating your treasures. Total sales this year were \$3,661. Once again, thank you everyone!

Good Morning *submitted by Al Husfeldt*

G – Get up

O – Open your heart

O – Open your mind

D – Dedicate your day to God

M – Meditate on God's Word

O – Optimize your faith & hope

R – Rebuke all evils

N – Never doubt God's love

I – Inspire someone

N – Nothing should scare you

G – Go out with joy



So, I say Good Morning and have a blessed day.

This edition of the newsletter is a bit different. There is a problem with Publisher on the office computer, so Wanda Nebiolo has prepared April's newsletter on Word. This also explains the tardiness of this issue.